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Subject: AZ Gypsy Moth Coordination Meeting and Delimiting Planning

To: John Anhold, AZ Zone Leader, Forest Health

The annual Gypsy Moth Coordination meeting between the Arizona Zone of Forestry and Forest Health, the Arizona Department of Agriculture, and USDA APHIS-PPQ was held in Phoenix at the APHIS headquarters on January 7, 2002.

Gypsy Moth detection trapping plans for Arizona will remain the same for 2002 as deployed in 2001. Additionally, a delimiting grid of approximately 2 square miles will be placed around a 2001 multiple moth catch in Payson, AZ. Trapping will be done on a 16-trap/square mile grid. Thirty-six traps will be placed at a distance of approximately 1,320 feet between traps in mid-May. Traps will be monitored weekly for 6 weeks beginning in Mid-June. Response traps will be placed to further delimit a population if positive traps are located during this period.

Since the trap catch was adjacent to federal lands, we would be the lead agency if an eradication project would become necessary. Thus, an active role in the delimiting trapping for this potential infestation is essential. Our role in the trapping is to assist the Department of Agriculture in locating map layers on which to place the trapping grid to facilitate deployment. APHIS will also be providing GIS support to the state. We will assist in the deployment of the traps and also assist in finding an individual, staff or volunteer, to check the traps weekly during June and July. Several ideas will be pursued by all three agencies. All three agencies will participate in any public meetings or open house events that are deemed necessary after meeting with local officials.

If you have any questions concerning this letter or the gypsy moth program, please feel free to contact me. I will be providing updated information to you as it becomes available.

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